

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

The Harp of Faith.

BY THE REV. ABRAHAM S. ISAACS, PH. D.
At midnight, so the rabbi tell,
When David slept profound,
A harp suspended o'er his couch
Gave forth a trembling sound.
Upstrang the royal bard inspired,
His fingers touched the chord,
And with strange gladness in his soul,
In psalms he praised the Lord.
At midnight when the doubts assail,
And anxious fears surround,
O soul of mine, amid the gloom,
Give forth a joyous sound!
O bid me seize the harp of faith,
And sing a holy strain,
Until each day my life and thought
Resound in glad refrain!
New York City.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first letter for the Children's Column. I am 9 years old. I have not been attending school since the holidays. My teacher's name was Miss Minnie Crawford. My studies were Reading, Spelling Arithmetic and Geography. I will send 10 cts. to belong to Company D. I will close for this time.
Good bye.
MAUDIE MILLER.

Zimmerman, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is the second time I have written for the Children's Column. I am 7 years old. I go to school. I have only missed two days and a half. I went to Sabbath School today. Well I will close by sending 10 cts. for Company D. If I see this in print, I will write again.
Your friend,
BLANCHIE HESS.

Independence, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I am 9 years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Jennie McFeeters. I go to Sunday School. My teacher is my papa. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. Mr. Benj. Gochnour is their pastor. Please find enclosed 10 cts. for Company D. I will close for this time.
IRVIN E. STUVER.

Rosedale, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I am 10 years old. I go to school. My studies are Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Physiology and Writing. My teacher's name is Theodora Rowland. I have seven sisters and one brother. My sister Winnie was married last week. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. I will close by sending 10 cts. for Company D. If I see this in print, I may write again.
IDA M. RAGER.

Vinco, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first letter for the Children's Column. I am 7 years old. I went to school every day this winter. Our school has closed for the present on account of small pox in the country. We have no preaching now. Bro. Nicholson is our pastor. He went to his home in Iowa to visit his family till we can have meeting again. My studies are Reading, Spelling, Writing and Arithmetic. My teacher's name is Sally Price. I will close by sending 10 cts. for Company D. Good bye.
MAURICE B. BERKLEY.

Hamlin, Kan.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write another letter for the Children's Column. I enjoyed grandmother's letter very much. My papa was reading it and he said when he was in West Virginia he stayed all night with her. Maybe she will remember it. We are having cold weather here now. We don't have any school on the 22nd, for it is Washington's birthday. We have exercises this afternoon. I guess I will go to High school next year, and maybe sometime to the College. I am thirteen years old. I am selling the 'Story of Jesus' here in our Sunday School. I think it is a nice book. I cannot

think of any more to write, so I will close. Good bye.
GRACE HORNE.

Columbus, O.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first letter for the Children's Column. I go to school every day that I can. My studies are Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling, Geography, Physiology and Arithmetic. I like my teacher. Her name is Miss Lizzie Jarret. I am a reader of the EVANGELIST, and I like it very much. I have two sisters. Mamma, my oldest sister and myself belong to the Brethren church. We have preaching every Sunday. Our regular preachers are Bro. Adam Pheil and Bro. Abraham Short. If I see this in print, I may write again.
MAMIE B. HOLSTAY.

Lehman, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column, and therefore ask you to overlook all mistakes, of which a boy of 10 is liable to make. I am attending school very regular. I have not missed a day this term. We have been having very bad weather in this part of the country. Dallas Young is my teacher. He is a bright man and gives perfect satisfaction. Bro. Bashor will hold meetings here at the Brethren church. Please find enclosed 10 cts. for Company D. I will close by asking a question: Where in the Bible will you find four verses that read exactly alike?
Yours truly,
ORION F. WAMPLER.

Farmersville, O.

Don't Skip the Hard Names When you Read.

Eddy was a fairly bright scholar. He could read very well for a boy of his age. He liked to read stories about birds and beasts. But he had one fault. One day his mamma talked to him about it. He would read very fast till he came to a hard word. Then he would stop, and if he could not tell at once what it was, he would skip it and go on.

'Don't skip the hard words, Eddy,' said his mamma.

'Why, mamma, I don't like the hard words. I am in such a hurry to go on that I can't stop to spell them.'

'That will not do, my boy,' she said. 'You will never be a good reader if you do not stop and spell the long words. You will never be good at anything if you do not do the hard things which come to you. When you are at work do not skip the hard things. God expects all his children to do faithfully the duty which comes to them. A boy who bravely tries to overcome hard things is a hero.'

'A hero, mamma?' said Eddy, laughing. 'Why, I thought a hero was a man who went to war and was a brave soldier.'

'You can be a hero, dear, while you are a little boy. A hero is one who does his best, even in such little things as spelling the hard words. You are not too young to be a true soldier of the Prince of Peace.'

—Sel.

A Messenger Boy's Wisdom.
Not long ago, when in New York on business, I had occasion to cross one of

the ferries to the Brooklyn side. When I reached the slip the boat had gone, and I was forced to wait for the next; so I sauntered to an adjoining pier, and sat down on a huge stringer to rest and cool off. Near by was a boy of perhaps thirteen, fishing.

'What can you catch here?' I asked. 'Eels and tommy-cods. Good fishing when the tide's in.'

He hitched along invitingly, and I came and sat by his side on the edge of the wharf. With the turbid tide-water heaving and swashing beneath, and our feet swinging free above it, a sense of companionship soon made us friends.

'I most gen'rally come down here afternoons to fish,' he remarked confidentially.

'Don't you go to school?'

'No sir, I work for a living.' I'm a night messenger at the Wess'n Union.'

'You work all night and fish all day?'

I inquired.

'Not quite, I sleep some, but it's kinder 'resty' down here and fried tommy-cods are fine. I'd rather have fish any time than beef steak or—oh hen. Say,' he continued. 'Ever eat any frog's legs? They sell them in Fulton market. Me and another feller ketched some over in Jersey one day, and cooked the legs over a fire, but they warn't no good at all. It's their big repertashun that fetches them through.'

'Perhaps so,' I said, 'now—'

'Hi! got a bite!' he exclaimed pulling frantically on his line and squelching my moral. Hand over hand he drew up the line, till a squirming eel came in sight.

'Ketch him so,' said the young fisherman, 'and rap his tail on the pier three times good, and he won't wiggle no more.'

Before the line was thrown back I examined it closely to see how it was baited. At the extreme end was a sinker made of a ball of lead as large as an English walnut. Above this, attached to the line at intervals of two or three inches, were pieces of cat-gut with baited hooks on the free ends. These apparently having no connection with the line, floated with the tide and effectually trapped the hungry fish.

'Seems to me if I was a fish it wouldn't take me long to find out 'bout hooks and sich. Why I caught an eel once that had two hooks in him besides the one I caught him with. Now when that eel got pricked the first time why didn't he reckernize the fact that wharves warn't healthy places to hang round, git?'

'When satan goes fishing for boys and men, and baits his hook with a glass of beer or whiskey, and the foolish person takes it in his mouth and gets dreadfully pricked does he learn that it's unhealthy round saloons, and does he get?'

'Does he? Not much he doesn't. He just steps up agin and says, 'Jimmie give me something hot I'm feeling kinder broke up,' and he'll keep a nibblin' and a swallerin' till he gets pulled in,' was the emphatic rejoinder.

'And if the hook is baited with a chance to steal something?'

'Jest the same, or a little gam'lin', no difference. I tell yer, mister, folks is more foolish as fishes, always gettin' caught on the same old hook. I fight pretty mighty shy of all them things.'

'God grant you always may.'

'Say, you aint a city missionary?' he asked with a look of injury.

'No.'

'Well that's all right. I didn't know but somebody had sent yer to talk to me. There, the tide's turned. Fish won't bite no more today. Good-bye.'

With a queer half trot the possessor of wisdom that many a grown man might covet, passed out of sight, and I hurried off to catch the third boat ready to leave the slip since our conversation began. And as I stepped abroad I could not but wish that every boy and girl in this world had the messenger boy's wisdom and was saying to himself at this very moment,

'With God's help I will always 'fight shy' of all the baits of Satan.'

Henry Clemens Pearson.

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